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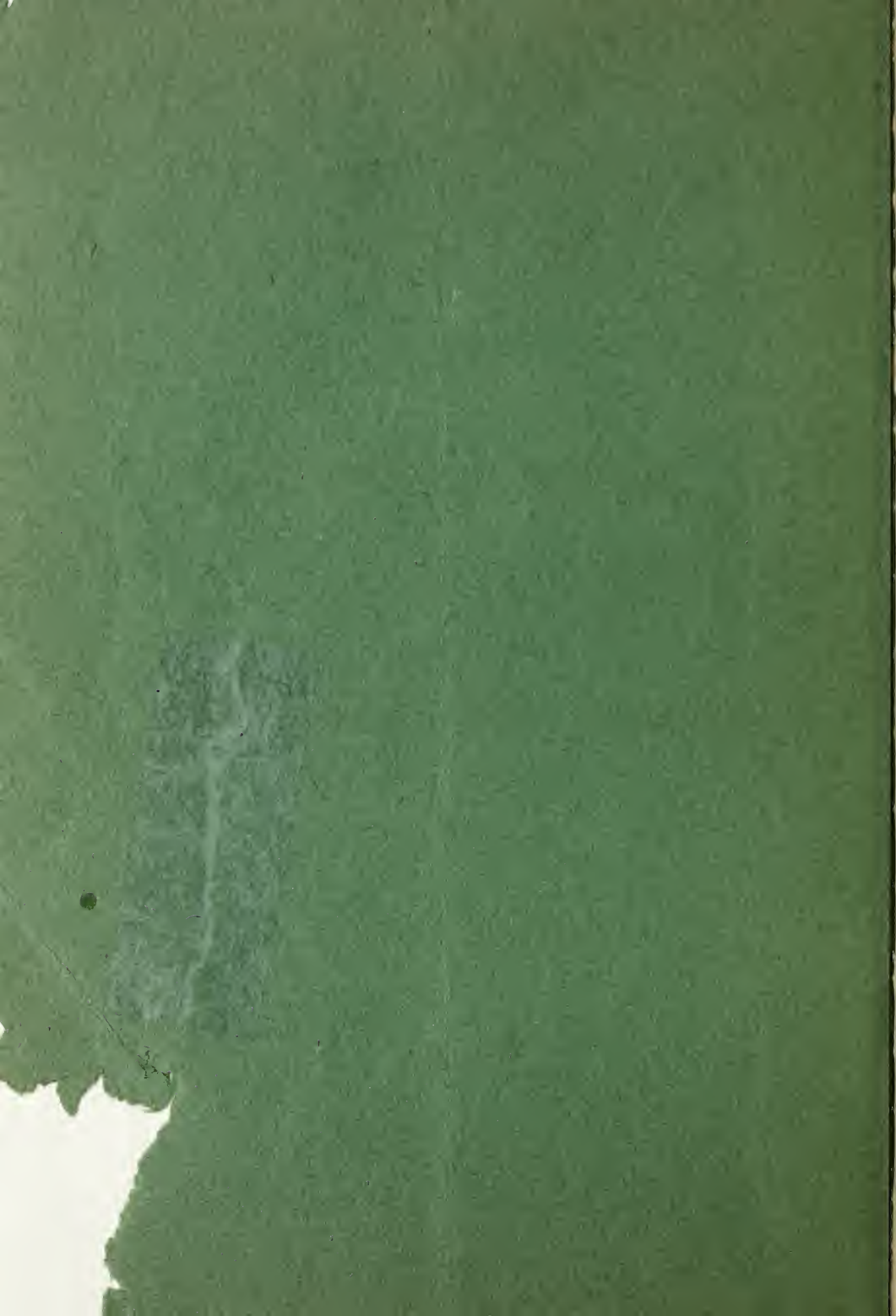
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TOWN OFFICIALS

A. D. 1921-1922

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Selectmen

W. S. FOX

J. O. HAMILTON

C. N. BROWN

Clerk

A. EVELYN STONE

Treasurer and Collector

M. W. STEARNS

Road Commissioner

E. F. McALLISTER

Superintendent of Schools

W. H. EDMINSTER

School Board

M. M. HEALD

B. McDANIELS

W. L. VANCE

Truant Officer

W. C. BROOKS

Board of Health

DR. G. A. ALLEN, Sec., DR. E. J. NOYES, Chairman, W. L. VANCE

Sealer of Weights and Measures

W. H. RICHARDSON

School Fund Officers

S. F. HEALD, Treas.

G. W. WALKER, Clerk

Trustees: G. H. EASTMAN

G. A. KIMBALL

E. N. FOX

## Report of Selectmen

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February 15, 1922.

The amount of taxable property as shown by the valuation book of A. D. 1921, is as follows:

Real Estate, resident	\$272,365 00	
Real Estate, non-resident	214,555 00	
Total real estate	<hr/>	\$486,920 00
Personal Estate, resident	\$125,460 00	
Personal Estate, non-resident	27,108 00	
Total amount personal estate	<hr/>	\$152,568 00
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Grand total amount		\$639,488 00
Total value of land		\$295,240 00
Total value of buildings		191,680 00

Number of polls taxed, 214. Poll tax, \$3.00. Rate per cent., \$21.50 per \$1000.

### Appropriated and Assessed

Town charges	\$1,800 00	
Highways and bridges	3,000 00	
Support of schools	3,000 00	
Text books	250 00	
School appliances	150 00	
Repairs of school buildings	250 00	
Tuition of students attending secondary schools	250 00	
State aid road	533 00	
Care of fish screen	50 00	
Memorial day	25 00	
Road from V. Harriman's to Stoneham line	500 00	
Assisting schools	30 00	
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Total amount committed to collector		\$9,838 00

**Number and Average Value of Live Stock**

No.	Av. Value	Value
167 horses	\$79 00	\$13,180 00
3 colts, 3 to 4 years old	86 66	260 00
8 colts, 2 to 3 years old	76 75	590 00
3 colts, under 2 years old	40 00	120 00
299 cows	52 15	15,585 00
23 oxen	75 43	1,585 00
136 3-year-olds	44 25	5,885 00
128 2-year-olds	29 72	3,805 00
19 sheep	10 00	190 00
Total amount		<hr/> \$41,200 00

**Exempt Livestock**

No.	Av. Value	Value
83 1-year-olds	\$21 86	\$1,815 00
67 sheep	9 37	628 00
86 swine	13 84	1,191 00
Total amount		<hr/> \$3,634 00

**Other Personal Property Taxed**

No.	Value
Companies' stock	\$10,100 00
Money at interest	8,385 00
175 small boats	9,460 00
81 carriages	1,125 00
97 automobiles	32,760 00
49 musical instruments	5,000 00
Logs and pulp wood	36,150 00
Lumber	8,388 00
Amount of livestock brought forward	41,200 00
Total amount personal property	<hr/> \$152,568 00

**Road Commissioner's Report**

At our annual Town Meeting we voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for highways and bridges. The following is the list of orders drawn:

Francis Libby and team	\$28 00
George Mills and team	105 00
Oldin McAllister, labor	21 00
Francis Libby and team	31 50
Oldin McAllister, labor	14 00
Francis Libby and team	42 00
Carroll McAllister, labor	17 50
George Mills and team	59 50
Wendall Stanley, labor	12 25
Francis Libby and team	73 50
Carroll McAllister, labor	61 25
Wendall Stanley, labor	19 25
Carroll McAllister, labor	10 50
George Mills and team	98 00
Francis Libby and team	35 00
Charles Merrill, cutting bushes	7 00
Oldin McAllister, labor	78 88
Carroll McAllister, labor	7 00
Frank Chandler, cutting bushes	7 00
Francis Libby and team	28 00
Clifford Kimball, cutting bushes	3 50
Wendall Stanley, cutting bushes	3 50
Lyman Chute and team	54 50
F. L. Blake, 1 blade bit	10 00
V. H. Littlefield, 337 ft. plank	13 48
Stillman McAllister, labor	7 00
Wm. Grover and team	21 00
D. Gilman, cutting bushes	5 64
Fred Mason and team	22 50
Fred Warren, labor	10 50
Alexander Laroque, labor	11 67
A. S. Grover, labor	175 00

Francis Libby and team	17 50
Walter Stover, cutting bushes	27 25
Perley Severance, labor	22 75
E. F. McAllister, labor	25 00
Tom Adams, labor	24 50
E. F. McAllister, labor	190 25
Harry Ring, labor	42 00
John Meserve, gravel for Hamilton road	15 00
S. H. McAllister and team	22 75
John Kendall, labor	10 29
Webster Walker and team	14 00
Herbert McKeen and team	14 00
Pennsylvania Metal Co., 2 culverts	56 76
E. S. Hatch, paint and supplies	21 60
H. A. Horr, repairing road machine and tools	10 08
H. W. Palmer, building snow roller	89 95
Charles Farwell, labor	3 50
Percy Walker, labor	8 00
B. F. Kendall, labor	11 35
E. F. McAllister, cutting bushes and shoveling snow	15 00
Lyman Chute, rolling snow	48 00
Clarence Files, rolling snow	8 00
Elmer Davis, rolling snow	16 00
George Mills, rolling snow	12 00
H. W. Taylor, rolling snow	53 50
James Brackett, rolling snow	26 00
Sydney McAllister, rolling snow	44 00
Stephen Buzzell, rolling snow	22 00
George Smith, rolling snow	4 00
George Coe, rolling snow	57 80
Carl Brown, 556 ft. plank	16 68

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 \$2 072 03

Amount unexpended

927 97

Total

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 \$3,000 00

**State Aid Road Account**

The joint fund for the state aid road was \$1,241.89, of which the state pays \$708.89 and the town appropriates \$533.00. This money was expended for 1700 ft. of road with metal culverts, the largest culvert being 36 inches in diameter.

E. F. McAllister, labor	\$85 50
A. S. Grover, labor	70 50
Walter Stover, labor	78 00
Eugene Flint, labor	70 50
Curtis Kimball, labor	12 00
Henry Trimback, labor	67 75
Ilka Knowles, labor	63 00
Leland Wilson, labor	64 50
Wm. Grover and team	114 00
George Mills and team	153 00
Elmer Davis and team	135 00
Lewis McAllister and Team	117 00
H. W. Palmer, sharpening picks and drills	1 50
V. H. Littlefield, cartage on culverts	9 20
Frank Grover, dynamite	8 55
V. H. Littlefield, bridge railing	4 08
E. S. Hatch, 3 shovels	4 80
H. A. Horr, drills and fuse	3 99
George Mills, boards for frame	1 55
Pennsylvania Metal Co., for culverts	177 03
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	\$1,241 45
Surplus of forty-four cents	44
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Total	\$1,241 89

**Fifty-fifty Road**

The amount was expended as follows:

E. F. McAllister, labor	\$17 50
A. S. Grover, labor	17 50

Oldin McAllister, labor	17 50	
J. H. Kimball, labor	1 75	
Carroll McAllister, labor	10 50	
George Mills and team	35 00	
Total		\$99 75

This amount was paid entirely by the state.

**Special Appropriation for Small's Swamp  
(Road from V. Harriman's to Stoneham Line)**

Amount appropriated		\$500 00
Amos McKeen, labor	\$17 00	
Eugene Flint, labor	20 00	
Elmer Davis, labor	24 50	
Charles Fox, labor	38 50	
Elmer Fox and team	77 00	
Henry Fox, labor	38 50	
Oldin McAllister, labor	3 50	
Carroll McAllister, labor	3 50	
B. W. Brackett, labor	38 50	
James Brackett and team	77 00	
H. W. Taylor and team	77 00	
Roland Taylor, labor	38 50	
H. A. Horr, dynamite and caps	6 52	
Willis McKeen, gravel	10 00	
700 ft. bridge plank	28 00	
Total	\$498 02	
Amount unexpended	98	
		\$500 00

One-half mile of road was built with plank culverts.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR F. McALLISTER, Road Commissioner.

**List of Taxes Abated for A. D. 1921**

Order drawn to W. F. Laroque, collector of taxes.

**Polls**

A. J. Bailey, paid in Massachusetts	\$3 00
E. T. Hubbard, paid in Paris, Maine	3 00

Henry Keniston, non-resident	3 00
Ralph Lawrence, non-resident	3 00
Karl Sewall, non-resident	3 00
George Wilson, unable to pay	3 00

**Real Estate**

Lyman Chute, error in listing	17 20	
Stella McKeen, error in listing	54	
Willis McAllister, error in listing	4 30	
Hannah True, paid in Bridgton	53 75	
Total		\$93 79

**Collector's Account**

Amount committed W. F. Laroque, collector	\$14,390 99
Supplementary tax	41 37
Total	\$14,432 36
Amount paid, M. W. Stearns, treasurer	14,432 36

**Town Charges and Support of Poor Account**

Amount raised	\$1,800 00
No.	

1 E. S. Hatch, chairs for Town hall	\$79 25
2 F. W. Sanborn, printing town reports	87 98
4 H. W. Taylor, wood for Town hall	6 00
5 H. W. Taylor, boar service	2 00
6 W. S. Bemis, care of fish stream	75 00
7 Loring, Short & Harmon, books for town officers	22 68
8 W. R. Tarbox, insurance for Town hall	17 45
11 Loring, Short & Harmon, town order book	3 75
12 H. W. Taylor, abatements 1920	9 00
13 Errors in listing, 1920	17 54
14 Collector's percentage in posting warrants	128 74

44	W. H. Edminster, superintendent's salary, April 1921	19 95
48	May 1921	19 95
52	June 1921	19 95
95	W. H. Richardson, sealer of weights and measures	5 00
98	W. H. Edminster, superintendent's salary, July, 1921	19 95
103	August 1921	19 95
129	M. W. Stearns, insurance on school building	13 72
133	W. H. Edminster, superintendent's salary, September 1921	19 95
141	October 1921	19 95
159	J. E. Thompson, making speed signs	15 00
193	W. H. Edminster, superintendent's salary, November, 1921	19 95
197	M. A. LeBaron, services as ballot clerk, 5 days	15 00
199	J. E. Farnham, services as ballot clerk, 5 days	15 00
233	W. H. Edminster, superintendent's salary, December 1921	19 95
241	W. H. Thurston, sheep killed by dogs	70 00
253	W. H. Edminster, superintendent's salary, January 1922	19 95
264	F. W. Blake, 1 snow roller	175 00
265	B. F. Kendall, mowing common	3 00
266	W. N. Seavey, surveying and making Town Farm plan	10 00
276	W. F. Laroque, abatements, 1921	93 79
277	Collector's percentage and posting warrants	119 45
278	W. S. Fox, services as selectman	75 00

279 C. N. Brown, services as selectman	50 00	
284 J. O. Hamilton, freight paid on snow roller	25 34	
288 G. W. Walker, services as clerk of school fund	4 00	
289 G. A. Kimball, services as trustee of school fund	1 00	
290 S. F. Heald, services as treasurer of school fund	8 00	
291 G. H. Eastman, services as trustee of school fund	1 00	
292 S. F. Heald, services as moderator	5 00	
293 M. W. Stearns, services as town treasurer and postage	35 00	
294 W. H. Edminster, superintendent's salary, February and March 1922	39 90	
296 Madge M. Heald, services on school board	10 00	
297 W. L. Vance, services on school board	10 00	
298 Bennett McDaniels, services on school board	10 00	
73 A. F. Stanley, mowing cemetery	23 50	
299 S. F. Heald, services as auditor	6 00	
300 J. O. Hamilton, services as selectman	50 00	
319 A. Evelyn Stone, services as town clerk	30 45	
Total		\$1,568 04
Balance in favor of town		\$231 96

#### Alpheus I. Hamblen Trust Fund

By provision of the will of the late Alpheus I. Hamblen the town of Lovell was made trustee of a fund of \$300.00.

The interest on this fund is to be used for the upkeep of his lot in the No. 4 cemetery, any balance over and above the amount necessary for this purpose to be used for the general upkeep of the cemetery.

This money was received from the estate by the selectmen, and invested by them. The sum of \$25.00 interest has been received on the same.

### Fish Screen Account

Order drawn Ralph McAllister, for		
care of screen	\$80 00	
Amount appropriated by town	50 00	
Balance overdrawn		\$30 00

### Memorial Day Account

Amount appropriated by town	\$25 00
Order No. 9 drawn to W. S. Fox	25 00

### Treasurer's Report

#### Receipts

To cash on hand February 9th, 1921	\$557 96
Rec'd from Town of Fryeburg, tuition 1921-1922	153 00
Selectmen (borrowed of J. O. Hamilton)	2,000 00
Mdse. sold from Town Farm	33 00
Town Clerk (dog licenses) 1921	52 00
H. W. Taylor, collector for 1920	290 24
Town of Stoneham, tuition	40 00
State Treasurer, school and mill fund A. D. 1921	392 86
Common school fund A. D. 1921	866 48
Railroad and Tel. tax	4 22
Free High school	500 00
Soldiers' pensions	51 00
U. S. Trust Co., interest on deposits	13 42
W. F. Laroque, collector	14,432 36
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	\$19,386 54

## Disbursements

Paid J. O. Hamilton, notes	\$2,000 00
Geo. M. Atwood, county tax A. D. 1921	1,038 05
State Treas., maintenance patrolled highway	707 00
State tax A. D. 1921	3,264 38
Dog license A. D. 1921	52 00
State pensions	51 00
Town orders	12,012 40
By cash in treasury to balance	261 71
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	\$19,386 54

February 15, 1922.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. STEARNS, Treasurer.

## Financial Standing of the Town

## Resources

Due from:

G. C. Coe, logs from Town Farm	\$8 00
R. M. Eastman, 10 months' rent of Town Farm	166 67
State of Maine, state aid road	691 99
State of Maine, tuition of secondary schools	400 00
State of Maine, sheep killed by bears	70 00
Town of Sweden, tuition	73 00
W. Smith, rent of Howard pasture	10 00
Mdse. sold from farm	5 85
Cash in Treasurer's fund	261 71
Total	<hr/> \$1,687 22

## Liabilities

Outstanding orders:

W. H. Thurston	\$70 00
B. Russell	455 40

H. W. Taylor	53 50	
Estimated cost of town reports	60 00	
Total		\$638 90

Balance in favor of town	\$1,048 32
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Respectfully submitted,

W. S. FOX,

J. O. HAMILTON,

C. N. BROWN,

Selectmen of Lovell.

### Auditor's Report

Lovell, Maine, February 15, 1922.

To the Taxpayers of the Town of Lovell:

Having examined the books of your town officials, they presenting vouchers for all receipts and expenditures, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief all accounts are correct.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. HEALD, Auditor.

### Vital Statistics

A record of the births, deaths and marriages which have occurred in the town of Lovell for the fiscal year ending February 14, 1922.

#### Births

##### 1921

Feb. 20, to the wife of Clifford Adams, a daughter.

Mar. 18, to the wife of Leslie McKeen, a daughter.

Apr. 14, to the wife of John F. Russell, a daughter.

May 3, to the wife of George L. Mills, a daughter.

May 29, to the wife of William C. Brooks, a son.

July 24, to the wife of Max C. Eastman, a daughter.

Aug. 11, to the wife of Henry W. Fox, a son.

Sept. 27, to the wife of Francis P. Libby, a son.

Oct. 5, to the wife of Horace T. Adams, a son and daughter.

Nov. 30, to the wife of Ralph A. Littlefield, a son.

Dec. 7, to the wife of Harold H. Watson, a son.

**Deaths**

1921

Mar. 16, Sarah Charles.  
May 14, Henry B. Severance.  
July 28, Alfred Pinkham.  
Sept. 23, Seth Hutchins.  
Oct. 5, Paul Adams.  
Oct. 5, Pauline Adams.  
Nov. 12, Ralph Chute.

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Feb. 2, Ruth Chandler.

**Marriages**

1921

Feb. 28, in Bridgton, James R. Brackett of Lovell and Leah J. Douglas of Bridgton.  
April 7, in Bridgton, Marshall C. McAllister and Grace M. Pitman, both of Lovell.  
July 20, in Lovell, Ralph A. Littlefield and Evelyn M. Briggs, both of Lovell.  
July 27, in Fryeburg, Harold H. Watson of Lovell and Mary G. Chandler of Fryeburg.  
Sept. 10, in Conway, N. H., A. Warren Benton of Lovell and Margaret L. Kenerson of Fryeburg.  
Oct. 1, in Fryeburg, Sargent S. Coleman of Lovell and Isma McKeen of Stoneham.  
Nov. 20, in Lovell, Roland W. Taylor and Margaret A. Kent, both of Lovell.  
Nov. 27, in Lovell, Carlton M. Nevers and Grace M. Tower, both of Sweden.

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Jan. 13, in Lovell, Sewell Butters and Iva Smith, both of Stow.

Respectfully submitted,

A. EVELYN STONE, Clerk.

## Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Lovell:

Permit me to submit my report of the conditions in your schools for the year ending February 1, 1922.

The state is coming to realize more and more the problem that confronts the rural school. Much has been, and is being done for our schools by the State Department of Education, but you must not expect, however, anything but general guidance from state authorities. The major task of running your schools successfully will always remain in the hands of the school board and people of the town. Schools are essentially a community problem, and the responsibility of them rests with every citizen. The schools will fulfil their obligations to the children, only as the community fulfils its obligations to the schools. If our schools are to be efficient and practical, our teachers must be competent, the parents must work with the teachers, the children must be kept in school, your school board must work for the best interest of the school, the superintendent must manage the schools for the best interest of the pupils, and the voters must do their bit by raising sufficient amounts for all school purposes.

Under the laws of the state, children are supposed to be in school between the years of seven and fifteen inclusive. In most cases we have very little trouble in this respect, but there are cases where parents keep their children out of school for no real excuse whatever. Our present distribution of school money is made partially by considering the aggregate attendance. Under such a method of distribution of school money, a child staying out of school, not only hurts himself, but also diminishes the amount of money his town will receive from the state. In some cases I find that the parents look forward to the

day their children can leave school quite as much as the children themselves. Even if they do not encourage their children to leave school, they do not urge them to stay in school. Attendance at school is largely a habit for which the parent is quite as responsible as the child. Non attendance is a habit very easily formed. Parents sometimes labor under the impression that the way to make attendance at school agreeable to the child, is by permitting an occasional absence. An occasional absence has just the opposite effect: it cultivates a desire for more absence, and increases the child's dislike for school. From the State School Bulletin we find that the percentage of illiteracy has been reduced from 4.1 percent to 3.3 percent, which is considerable more than an average reduction throughout the other states of the Union. It is the duty of the citizens of this town to do their bit by keeping their children in school and thus preventing a new crop of illiterates.

It is a deplorable fact that most of the young people of this town are simply going to school until they complete the elementary school work, or until they are beyond the compulsory school age. The time has come when it is necessary that every boy and girl complete the elementary school and go to high school, for the mental equipment of a man needs to be greater today than was ever before necessary. A careful survey has been made of the people in America that have become prominent. This study reveals the facts that very few people without education gain national distinction. that the boy or girl with an elementary school education has four times the chance; that with a high school education, he or she, has 87 times the chance; that with a college education the chance of winning a national distinction is 800 times as great. Thus education seems necessary to success in life in other ways than financial. If the boys and girls of this town, or any other, are to make a success in life they must prepare

for that success and not expect to gain distinction by loafing. A job with a few paltry dollars per day tempts pupils to quit school and not go to high school. There will always be jobs and one can get one most any time, but there will never be but one chance to get an education, and that chance is now. Just now the future lies before the young people; now they are masters of their own fates in regard to completing the elementary school and going to high school. If they fail to grasp this opportunity now, waiting ten years from now will not avail. I have often heard bitter regrets from young people who had the chance for high school and refused it. From statistics we find that Maine leads in the number of her young people who graduate from four year high schools. Parents should urge their children and make great sacrifice if necessary to have them complete the elementary school and go to high school and thus help the state maintain this record.

The public has not yet asked for a trained teacher for every child, but the time is coming when it will. The supply of trained teachers is lower than the demand, but the untrained teacher should be legislated out of position as soon as the supply increases. Compensation for the competent teacher to continue in service should be increased with tenure and preparation. No problem is as important as tenure, for stability is the basis of any profession. If a teacher gives satisfaction to her employers she should be retained and should not be removed except for cause. In many of our states and especially in our large cities, some system of tenure has already been established. This lack of tenure is due for the most part to lack of a living wage. Our most prominent business men knowing this are solidly in favor of paying professional salaries for professional teachers. It is a false impression because salaries are being reduced generally that teachers' salaries should be reduced consequently. Teachers' salaries were hardly half adequate before the war, and even now have

reached a satisfactory basis in but a very small area. Thus salaries should be maintained and in most cases should be increased.

In my last annual report I made the following suggestion for carrying on physical education: that the school union raise some substantial sum to be apportioned as follows: Stoneham \$100, Sweden \$100, Albany \$150, and Lovell \$250. This would give a sum of \$900 to be expended, as the state will reimburse the towns one-half as much as they raise and expend. Stoneham was the only town in this union to raise the amount called for, therefore the work had to be carried on by the classroom teachers as set up by the State Course of Study. As the towns did not see fit to raise a sufficient sum to hire a physical director, I would suggest that we make a beginning this year by hiring a school physician.

During the past three years we have not raised any money for the display of the flag, consequently we need new flags, poles, and ropes in many of the schools. It is compulsory that we display the flag on our school houses, money to be raised by a special appropriation. It is necessary that we attend to an appropriation for this purpose.

### **Repairs and Improvements on School Buildings**

The last legislature passed an act requiring that all school buildings shall be provided with and maintain sanitary, protected, and clean toilets, free from all obscene markings. Towns are given until September 1, 1924, to provide all school buildings, in which schools are maintained, with toilet facilities that shall be installed in such a manner and location as to insure privacy, cleanliness, and supervision by teachers. To meet the minimum requirements toilets must be one of three types, viz: flush closet, chemical closet of approved type, or privy located in attached buildings. In all of the above cases closets must be accessible only by separate ventilated corridors from school rooms and provide separate compartments for the sexes.

School committees shall make provision for the cleaning of vaults and tanks and the repair and upkeep of accessories. School committees shall annually cause an inspection to be made of sanitary conditions in school buildings and shall cause to be reported to the town such construction, reconstruction, or repairs necessary to meet the conditions of this act and any town failing to meet the said conditions through neglect of its school committee or neglect to appropriate funds for the purpose shall be liable to the penalty of having its school money withheld by the state.

Previous to this year Slab City and No. 4 were the only school buildings that had even decent toilet arrangements and only one of these met all of the state requirements. Your committee was unable to deal with all of the buildings in one year, but when they considered the short time remaining to meet the state requirements it seemed necessary to make a beginning. All things being considered, the Lovell Center school seemed the logical place to begin, so we went ahead and secured plans and specifications from the state for remodeling this school. The toilets have been connected, the lighting changed to left and back, the seating arrangements changed, the building painted inside and outside, and new slate boards purchased, but not installed as yet. With the addition of a new system of heating and ventilating the building will be an up-to-date school plant.

Besides the repairs at the Center school we have papered the school building at North Lovell and installed new blackboards.

### **The Noon Lunch**

We find from statistics that about seven hundred schools of this state have the noon lunch and many others are getting ready. There is bound to be some opposition to the introduction of any new thing, but when the people understand the benefits to be derived they are ready to help. Conditions are such in this town that it is necessary for

many of the children to carry cold lunches. If there is no supervision of this lunch at school it is generally eaten in a hurried and unhygienic manner. If the parents, teacher, and pupils will cooperate it is very easy and costs very little to have at least one hot dish prepared at the school for the noon lunch. Miss Stearns and Miss Abbott have tried out the lunch at the Village school during the past winter term and it has won the approval of the pupils and parents in most all cases. It would be well if the other schools in town would start the noon lunch during the winter term at least.

### Improvement League

At the present time we have a working improvement league in four of the schools of the town, viz: Slab City, Center Lovell, and the Lovell Village schools. Last March the town raised five dollars per school to be given to the school leagues raising an equal amount and the above schools qualified in this respect. The Slab City school cleaned their schoolhouse to add to their fund. During the year this league has purchased a pencil sharpener, a new clock, note books and current event papers for the school. The league has \$56 on hand at the present time and plans to add more books to their school library.

The Lovell Center School League cleaned their schoolhouse under the direction and help of their teacher, Hortense Andrews. This league should have about ten dollars on hand, but cannot say for sure as I have been unable to get a report.

The Lovell Village League has more chance to earn money, as they have more members than the other leagues of the town. From entertainments the league has been able to earn \$22 and by doing the janitor work they earned \$10 and received the \$10 from the town. They purchased dishes and supplies for the noon lunch and material for entertainments and at the present time have \$45 on hand.

The above reports show that the league is an important

factor in our schools and should be encouraged by the citizens of the town. This can be done in no better way than by appropriating some sum to be given the schools raising an equal sum.

### Conveyance

The town of Lovell being a scattered town makes the problem of transportation a big one. This year transportation has cost the town \$725, or nearly one-fourth as much as the town raised for common schools. There are many cases where transportation is necessary, but I think there are also cases where transportation should be reduced perhaps to one way or bad weather. It is the duty of the school committee to determine where transportation is advisable and necessary. Each individual case must be considered on its own merits, each argument for and against being considered very carefully. In considering transportation not only the distance should be considered, but the topography of the country, the condition of the roads, the season of the year, and the age and physical condition of the children. The parent should also be aware that there is an obligation on his part. When a child is transported to school he is a liability, and when he walks or gets himself to school he is an asset to his town. The parents should be patriotic enough to take pride in having their children save or earn money for the town in which they live.

### Text-books

During the past year we have introduced many new supplementary readers in all of the grades. In choosing these readers we have tried to choose as large a variety as possible in order to richen and broaden our course. We have purchased one set of the World Book and placed it in the Lovell Village school and we should try to place a set in every school in town, as they are very useful reference books. The Child's Book of Knowledge that was in the Lovell Village school has been transferred to the Lovell

Center school. At the present time our geographies are up to date, but we are still in need of new histories. We have started to introduce the Beacon method of reading and should complete the introduction this coming year. We have purchased some new business forms, which when introduced will make our work in arithmetic more useful and practical.

### Supplies

In order that our school work may go on with the least amount of loss it is necessary that the pupils be supplied with paper, pencils, copy books, etc., of the same uniform variety. It is impossible to get uniformity if the pupils are compelled to furnish these materials themselves. We are doing much in the way of supplies, but there are many devices for teaching the different subjects that are of great value to our school work. Increased appropriations are needed that some of these devices may be introduced, but when some of our more urgent needs are supplied this may be taken care of.

### Increasing the School Year

In order to do the school work as it should be done we should have at least thirty-six weeks of school per year. During the past years we have been trying to raise our teachers' salaries to a living wage, so that at the present time our teachers' salaries compare very favorably with the average in the state. Next year, under the new distribution of the school fund, we get more money from the state. This will enable us to maintain our teachers' salaries as they are, and increase our school year to thirty-six weeks without increasing our appropriation.

### High Schools

At the present time we have nineteen pupils attending the various high schools and academies and from all appearances we will have at least twenty-four next year.

All of the schools have raised their tuition from \$45 per year to \$60 and many of them have raised to \$75 per year. This means we shall have to have around \$1600 for free high school tuition for the coming year and the state will pay \$600 of this amount. This increase in tuition by the high schools and academies, and the large number of our young people that are going away to high schools is an added reason why the town should introduce a two-year high school course of its own.

**Tabulated School Statement**  
**Lovell Village Grammar**

			Average	
	Term	Registered	Attendance	Salary
Ethel Andrews	S	25	24.48	\$18.00
Sarah Stearns	F	24	21.7	22.00
Sarah Stearns	W	24	19.9	22.00

**Lovell Village Primary**

Hortense Andrews	S	19	17.6	\$18.00
Irene Abbott	F	22	19.4	24.00
Irene Abbott	W	18	14.8	24.00

**Center Lovell**

Carrie Edes	S	17	12.5	\$16.00
Hortense Andrews	F	22	18.2	18.00
Ethel Andrews	W	9	7.4	18.00

**West Lovell**

Herbert Sanborn	S	13	8.	\$17.00
Isma Coleman	F	8	5.2	16.00
Isma Coleman	W	10	7.5	17.00

**Slab City**

Lottie Palmer	S	10	9.72	\$16.00
Lottie Palmer	F	9	8.76	18.00
Lottie Palmer	W	9	8.65	18.00

**North Lovell**

Ida M. Miller	S	6	5.62	\$16.00
Ida M. Miller	F	10	9.25	18.00
Ida M. Miller	W	9	8.9	18.00

S—Spring 1921.      F—Fall 1921.      W—Winter 1921-22.

From the above statement we find that our average registration for the year is 88 and our average attendance 76. This average attendance is very low, caused by pupils attending school part of the year and then moving away. The large amount of sickness during the winter term has also had much to do with lowering the average.

From the above statement we can also see that our aver-

age teacher's salary is \$18.56 per week or \$593.92 per year, as against a state average of \$716.66.

The following is a list of the pupils who have not missed more than two days during the year 1921-22: Farnum Brooks, Leland Pinkham, Randolph Andrews, John Palmer, Chester Rowe, Paul Adams, Marion Adams, Lillian McKeen, Lawrence Hatch, Brooks Eastman, Sarah Stearns, Elmon McDaniels, Lucy Bussell, Donald Kilgore, Harold Witham, Roy Smith, Dorothy Milliken, and John Fox.

I feel that we were fortunate to be able to secure the services of as capable teachers as Miss Stearns and Miss Abbott. I consider their work efficient, the details of their work always being prepared previous to the recitation. The initiative of adding attractive devices to the work of their schools deserves special comment. Mr. Allan, on his visit, commented on the attractiveness of their work.

Special mention should be made of the splendid work done by Miss Miller at North Lovell and Mrs. Palmer at Slab City. One indication of efficient work and interest is the average attendance. The average attendance for the winter term at North Lovell is 8.9 with an enrollment of 9, and at Slab City 8.65 with an enrollment of 9. This is something that the other schools of the town should try to equal.

We are very fortunate in being able to retain our teachers, with one exception, for the spring term.

### **Report of the Special Building Committee**

The special building committee appointed at the special town meeting are able to submit the following report as to the progress on the school building proposition at Lovell Village. Thanks to the generosity of one of our townswomen, Mrs. Annie Heald, one of the most desirable building sites in the village was donated. This site is in the center of the village and a fine school building will be an added attraction. The townspeople should do something

to show their appreciation of Mrs. Heald's most generous gift, and we as a building committee would suggest that the school be called, the Annie Heald school.

Through the kindness of our state superintendent of schools, A. O. Thomas, the State Board of Education and the Governor and Council, a contribution of \$200 for complete plans for our building was made, and has saved the town the expense of hiring an architect. The plans are now in the hands of the committee, who are investigating the prices of lumber and materials with a view to beginning actual construction as early in the spring as conditions will permit.

### Recommended Appropriations

The following is a statement of the common school account and sums recommended by the school committee to be raised by the town for the several school accounts:

Teaching 36 weeks @ \$118	\$4,248 00	
Transportation 36 weeks @ \$22	792.00	
Janitor work and cleaning	100 00	
Fuel, based on last year's expenditure	244 00	
Incidentals	100 00	
Present overdraft	3 62	
		————— \$5,487 62

### Estimated Resources

Estimate from state	\$2,066 00	
Interest on school fund	209 65	
Elementary tuition	200 00	
		————— \$2,476 65

Indicated amount to be raised by	
town for common schools	\$3,010 97
To be raised for common schools	\$3,000 00
To be raised for high school tuition	1,000 00
To be raised for text-books	275 00
To be raised for appliances and supplies	150 00
To be raised for display of flag	30 00
To be raised for improvement league	30 00
To be raised for physical education	100 00

It is beginning to be realized that there are advantages to be derived from life in the country which cannot be duplicated by city life; that the country school, though a laggard, has some good features which, if utilized, make for good citizenship and noble manhood. All that seems to be necessary to bring the rural school to a degree of efficiency commensurate with its opportunities is an awakened interest on the part of the country people themselves. At your annual meeting you decide to a great extent what your schools shall be from one year's end to another. If you are true citizens of your town, state and nation, read carefully the expenditures during the past year and the recommended appropriations for the coming year. If you are loyal to yourself, to your children, to your state, and nation, vote for the recommended appropriations as they stand, for the entire amounts are needed in order to run your schools efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. EDMINSTER,

Superintendent of Schools.

### Financial School Report

#### Common School Account

Dr.

To Town appropriation Mar. 1, 1921	\$3,000 00
State school fund	866 48
Mill tax fund	392 86
Interest on school fund	209 65
Elementary tuition from Sweden, Fryeburg, and Stoneham	143 00
Due from Sweden pupils	51 00
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	\$4,662 99
Overdraft 1920-21	105 11
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	\$4,557 88
Overdraft 1921-22	3 62
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	\$4,561 50

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By teachers	\$3,524 00
Fuel	244 00
Janitors	56 50
Conveyance	725 00
Elementary tuition	12 00
	<hr/> \$4,561 50

## Teachers' Account

## Spring Term

Hortense Andrews	\$216 00
Ethel Andrews	216 00
Herbert Sanborn	204 00
Carrie Edes	192 00
Lottie Palmer	192 00
Ida Miller	192 00
	<hr/> \$1,212 00

## Fall Term

Irene Abbott	\$240 00
Sarah Stearns	220 00
Isma Coleman	160 00
Hortense Andrews	144 00
Mrs. A. T. Churchill	36 00
Lottie Palmer	216 00
Ida Miller	216 00
	<hr/> \$1,232 00

## Winter Term

Irene Abbott	\$240 00
Sarah Stearns	220 00
Isma Coleman	170 00
Ethel Andrews	162 00
Lottie Palmer	144 00
Ida Miller	144 00
	<hr/> \$1,080 00
Total for teachers	<hr/> \$3,524 00

**Fuel Account**

Porter Keniston	\$3 00	
Amos McKeen	20 00	
E. F. McAllister	20 00	
William Vance	9 00	
O. W. Allard	120 00	
Amos McKeen	6 00	
Carl Brown	20 00	
V. L. Harriman	34 00	
Walter Stover	6 00	
Marcus Stearns	4 50	
Rodolph McAllister	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$244 00

**Janitor Account**

Lottie Palmer	\$5 00	
Mrs. Jesse Adams	4 00	
Warren McKeen	2 00	
Irene Abbott	4 50	
Sarah Stearns	1 50	
Hortense Andrews	3 00	
Robert Russell	7 00	
Melvin Lawler	6 00	
Chester Rowe	4 00	
William Vance	4 50	
Marcus Stearns	5 00	
Sarah Stearns (for league)	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$56 50

**Conveyance Account**

Arthur Fox	\$15 00
Anna Charles	44 00
Anna Charles	70 00
Oldin McAllister	18 00
Mrs. Flora Ring	72 00
Fred Harmon	72 00

Anna Charles	30 00	
Bennett McDaniels	70 00	
Mrs. Flora Ring	60 00	
Weeman McAllister	60 00	
Mrs. Flora Ring	54 00	
Fred Harmon	120 00	
Sidney McAllister	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$725 00

**Elementary Tuition**

Roger Adams	\$12 00
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**Text-book Account****Dr.**

To balance 1920-21	\$71 85	
Town appropriation	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$321 85

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By Ginn & Co.	\$40 87
D. Appleton & Co.	1 60
Houghton Mifflin	3 96
Warwick & York	3 15
Charles Scribner's Sons	1 75
Little, Brown & Co.	7 81
Ginn & Co.	6 12
Houghton Mifflin	7 68
Macmillan Co.	5 70
Sprague Journal of History	2 00
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	10 37
Hines, Hayden, and Eldridge	3 40
Empire New England Co.	55 00
American Book Co.	3 52
C. C. Bernhardt & Co.	3 22
Ginn & Co.	58 46
J. B. Lippincott	3 39
American Book Co.	6 18

F. M. Ambrose Co.	10 99	
Ginn & Co.	4 38	
Little, Brown & Co.	1 87	
Arlo Pub. Co.	6 77	
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	\$248 19	
Unexpended balance	73 66	
	<hr/>	\$321 85

**Repairs Account**

	Dr.		
To balance 1920-21		\$670 57	
Town appropriation		250 00	
		<hr/>	\$920 57
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By W. H. Edminster		\$5 00	
W. H. Edminster		6 50	
J. L. Hammett		21 59	
Bert Kendall		5 00	
E. S. Hatch		56 98	
Benj. Russell		627 45	
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		\$722 52	
Unexpended balance		198 05	
		<hr/>	\$920 57

**Supplies Account**

	Dr.		
To balance 1920-21		\$31 00	
Town appropriation March 1921		150 00	
		<hr/>	\$181 00
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By Village Store		\$2 13	
W. H. Edminster		9 00	
Atwood Forbes		1 75	

W. H. Edminster	3 60	
J. L. Hammett	49 94	
E. E. Babb	44	
W. H. Edminster	12 66	
F. W. Sanborn	2 25	
Loring, Short & Harmon	4 65	
Boston Paper Board Co.	12 00	
J. L. Hammett	2 45	
Vermont School Seat Co.	22 80	
E. S. Hatch	15 00	
Ida M. Miller	2 00	
J. L. Hammett	2 89	
W. H. Edminster	5 80	
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	\$149 36	
Unexpended balance	31 64	
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		\$181 00

**Improvement League**

Dr.

To town appropriation March 1921	\$30 00	
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		\$30 00

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By Lovell Village Grammar	\$5 00	
Lovell Village Primary	5 00	
Lovell Center school	5 00	
Slab City school	5 00	
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	\$20 00	
Unexpended balance	10 00	
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		\$30 00

**Free High School Account**

Dr.

To balance 1920-21	\$559 16	
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Town appropriation March 1921	250 00	
From state	500 00	
	\$1,309 16	
Overdraft 1921-22	97 50	
		\$1,406 66

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By Fryeburg Academy, fall, winter and spring of 1920-21, John Farrington, Hazel and Christine Fox, Curtis and Clifford Kimball, Helena McAllister, Evelyn Stanley, George Stearns, Esther Allard, Katherine Bailey and Mildred Pottle	\$480 00
Fryeburg Academy, fall and winter 1921-22, Esther Allard, Katherine Bailey, Roger Brown, Charles Harmon, Martha Irish, Clifford Kimball, Helena McAllister, Marion Pitman, Mildred Pottle, and Norman Kendall	500 00
Town of Paris, winter 1921, Phila Kendall, fall and winter 1921-22, Jack Bassett	60 00
Westbrook Seminary 2nd semester 1921, Ernest Merrill and Lawrence Stone	45 00
Kent's Hill Seminary, winter and spring 1921, Jack Bassett	30 00
Hebron Academy, fall, winter and spring 1920-21, Bernice Keniston, fall and winter 1921-22, Bernice and Franklin Keniston	125 00

Bridgton Academy, winter and spring 1921, Barnes Walker, fall 1921, Eleanor and Barnes Walker	70 00	
Town of Bridgton, winter and spring 1921, Mildred Palmer, fall 1921, Gerald and Mildred Palmer	76 66	
Town of Norway, fall 1921, Rog- er Adams	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,406 66

## WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

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To Walter F. Laroque, a Constable of the Town of Lovell,  
in the County of Oxford, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby re-  
quired to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town  
of Lovell qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the  
Town House in said town on Monday, the sixth day of  
March, A. D. 1922, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act  
on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meet-  
ing.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the town will accept the report of  
the municipal officers for the year 1921-1922.

Art. 4. To choose all the other necessary town officers.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote  
to grant and raise for the support of schools for the ensu-  
ing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote  
to grant and raise for text-books for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote  
to grant and raise for school appliances for the ensuing  
year.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote  
to grant and raise for the repair of school buildings for the  
ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote  
to grant and raise for the tuition of pupils attending sec-  
ondary schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To choose one member of the school board.

Art. 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to raising money for physical education.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) per school, the same to be given to each school that raises a like amount, providing (1) that all the money is to be spent for school improvements under the direction of the superintendent or the school board; (2) that schools raising less than five dollars shall be assisted dollar for dollar.

Art. 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to those schools which have had an average attendance of less than eight for the past year.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the display of flags at the schools.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to change the method of raising the \$8,000.00 voted for the construction of a school building at Lovell Village and instead of raising the total amount by taxation in one year to raise one-fourth of \$8,000.00 plus the interest on deferred payments in 1922, one-fourth of \$8,000.00 plus the interest on the deferred payments in 1923, one-fourth of \$8,000.00 plus the interest on the deferred payments in 1924 and one-fourth of \$8,000.00 in 1925, and that the selectmen be authorized to hire \$2,000.00 payable in 1923, \$2,000.00 payable in 1924 and \$2,000.00 payable in 1925.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to defray the town charges for the ensuing year.





